



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 302

A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue right-of-way permits for a natural gas transmission pipeline in nonwilderness areas within the boundary of Denali National Park, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on November 10, 2011*

S. 302 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to issue permits to construct a natural gas pipeline in the Denali National Park, Alaska. Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. S. 302 could increase offsetting receipts (from permit fees) and associated direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be negligible. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues.

If potential owners or operators of a pipeline seek permits from the NPS, the agency could collect a fee to recover any costs associated with issuing such permits. Based on information from the NPS, CBO estimates that receipts from permits would total less than \$5,000 over the 2012-2021 period. Those amounts would be retained and spent by the agency, and CBO estimates that the net effect on direct spending would be negligible.

S. 302 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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